(b) if so, the reasons for delay in implementation including disbursement of subsidies and income tax exemption issue related to NER; and

(c) the action taken by the Government for implementation of the policy in letter and spirit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) No instance of slow implementation of NEIIPP, 2007 has been reported. However, representations have been received from industry associations against modification of the basis of refund of 'excise duty exemption' ***w.e.f.*** 27.3.2008 by linking it to the rate of value addition notified for each industry, resulting in slowing down of investments in the region. They have also requested that 'subsidies and incentives' may not be treated as 'other income' of the industrial units for the purpose of calculation of income tax. However, it has not been found feasible to accede to these requests.

The funds for disbursement to the eligible units are released as per the requirement and availability of funds. Moreover, as and when any issue is raised by any of the stakeholders, it is resolved on the basis of mutual consultation.

Chinese counterfeit medicines with Made in India label

2171. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the counterfeit medicines labelled 'Made in India' and shipped to Nigeria had actually originated from China and not in India;

(b) if so, whether Government has taken up the issue with the Nigerian and Chinese Governments, given that this could damage the reputation of the Indian pharmaceutical industry in the global market; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government of India's attention has been drawn to the press release issued by NAFDAC, Nigerian Government Drug Regulatory Authority, about detention and seizure of a large consignment of fake antimalarial generic pharmaceuticals labelled 'Made in India' but produced in China. Taking serious note of the contents of NAFDAC's Press Release, a strong protest was lodged with concerned Chinese authorities with a request to take stringent action against such unscrupulous elements. Consequent to India's strong protest, the Chinese Government conducted an investigation and found a nexus between Chinese drug manufacturers and importers in Nigeria. The principal suspects have been caught and their factories sealed. The Chinese Government is taking action against the accused as per their law.

Comprehensive change in Foreign Trade Policy

†2172. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating to make a comprehensive change in Foreign Trade Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce a new tax-structure for exporters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) The Government has already released the new Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), 2009-14 on 27.8.2009, wherein, significant support has been provided for market diversification and for incentivizing exports. FTP, 2009-14 includes a mix of policy measures; including fiscal incentives, procedural rationalization, support for enhanced market access across the world and diversification of export markets. FTP, 2009-14 has been laid in Parliament and is also available in public domain on website *http://dgft.gov.in*. It is the endeavour of the Government to neutralize and rebate the taxes and duties on export products.

Impact of global recession

2173. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment about the effect of global economic recession;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons suffering due to loss of job as a result of global economic recession in the country; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to resolve the problem of growing unemployment due to global economic recession?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) There has been decline in India's merchandise exports since October, 2008, which can be attributed significantly to shrinkage of demand in developed countries due to global economic slowdown India's merchandise exports from October, 2008 to October, 2009 are given in Statement (*See* below). As per the Quick Employment Surveys conducted by the Labour Bureau, the overall employment has

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